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SUBJECT: KOREAN IMPORTS OF FABRICS

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REF: MURRAY/ LEE LETTER OF JANUARY 24, 1973

1. FOLLOWING PROVIDED TELEGRAPHICALLY SO THAT YOU CAN REPLY QUICKLY TO TURNER HALSEY COMPANY INQUIRY. FURTHER RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED MEANWHILE.

2. IMPORTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS CONTINUE TO BE RESTRICTED AND USUALLY SUBJECT TO RECOMMENDATION OF MCI. IMPORTS ARE ALLOWED SPECIFICALLY FOR MANUFACTURING OF EXPORT GOODS. NO EASING OF RESTRICTIONS TO ALLOW IMPORTS FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION.

3. STATISTICS BELOW INDICATE SCOPE OF MARKET, PARTICULARLY OF SYNTHETIC FIBRES. JAPAN' S POSITION AS LEADING SUPPLIER IS BASED ON CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS, INCLUDING JOINT VENTURES WITH KOREAN FIRMS WHICH RECEIVE MATERIALS ON REGULAR BASIS FOR PROCESSING FOR EXPORT. PRICE IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS FINANCING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND EXPORT MARKETING SERVICES. THIS ALSO TRUE FOR IMPORTS OF U. S. FABRICS, FOR EXAMPLE, DENIM FOR PROCESSING INTO GARMENTS FOR EXPORT BACK TO U. S.

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4. FURTHER MARKET RESEARCH WARRANTED BUT INDUSTRY EXPERT FROM U. S. WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

5. FOLLOWING STATISTICS ON KOREAN IMPORTS ARE \$1,000 AND FROM CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

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SITC 6522 JAPAN	3,048	2,645	3,563
HONG KONG	412	285	151
U. S. A.	53	14	15
OTHERS	258	225	252
TOTAL	3,771	3,169	3,981

SITC 6531 JAPAN	4,033	5,076	5,273
HONG KONG	8	1	2
U. S. A.	3	6	0
OTHERS	-	0	68
TOTAL	4,045	5,083	5,343

SITC 6532 JAPAN	2,439	4,502	3,145
HONG KONG	81	98	152
U. S. A.	-	5	9
ITALY	-	-	1,875
OTHERS	375	775	-
TOTAL	2,895	5,380	5,181

SITC 6535 JAPAN	26,032	38,863	53,935
HONG KONG	681	1,409	1,341
U. S. A.	16	27	58
ITALY	-	-	1,163
OTHERS	3	136	186
TOTAL	26,732	40,435	56,683

SITC 6536 JAPAN	1,789	3,784	,310
HONG KONG	43	238	72
U. S. A.	17	) 27	19
OTHERS	60	629	849
TOTAL	1,909	4,678	6,250

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